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The city of Astoria, exclusive of its school and water debt, owes \$182,000 in round numbers. The interest on this debt amounts to \$11,000 or \$12,000 yearly, and nearly the entire amount realized from city taxes is required to meet it.

Astoria's debt ought to be refunded, and the bonds taken up by the people of this city. Several hundred thousands of dollars is lying idle in the city, and those who possess it would gladly invest in city bonds, if statements frequently made can be relied upon as correct.

This matter is one worthy the consideration of the officials of the city government, who have done and are doing excellent work in managing our municipal affairs.

The victories of present day surgery include a considerable number of stail-wart walkabouts whose dislocation of spinal vertebrae would have been counted as fatal cases of broken necks not long ago. The wonders the foremost experts in reparation now accomplish comprise the stitching together of the outer framework of the heart itself.



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contains if they are convinced that so radical an operation affords the only reasonable chance of saving life. Modern surgery is not only daring beyond every possible boundary of tradition, but it is also so beneficial that the limits of ancient precedent become matters of little account.

Once again the effete east is alarmed over conditions existing in the west. Says the New York Tribune: "Is it possible that it may be necessary to call out the troops to stop the raids of train robbers in the west? Or must the companies organize a sufficient force of armed guards of their own to protect their passengers and the property carried upon their routes? The bandits upon well known lines have become so bold that new measures appear to be called for."

The recommendation of Fish Warden Van Dusen that the closed fishing seasons be abolished, while a suggestion that comes rather abruptly to the people, is doubtless a very wise one. Certain it is that the March and April runs of fish will never be great enough to supply the packing houses, and it is not reasonable to shut off the supply of market fish. The matter is one that will require careful consideration and thorough discussion.

Post-Intelligence: There is no organization in the world deserving of heartier respect or more cordial support than the Salvation Army. It labors for the most part among those whom no other organization can reach. Its work is utterly self-sacrificing and without hope of earthly reward. It follows practically as well as theoretically in the footsteps of its Master. No recognition of its value, not merely as a reformatory institution but as an agency for the conservation of social order, can be too generous.

The Dalles Times-Mountaineer: The trouble which every city on the coast is having in attempting to regulate, control or eliminate gambling is an argument in favor of a license law. It is very evident that prohibitory laws are ineffectual; that gambling is an evil that cannot be prevented, then why not regulate it with license? Whenever people come to their right senses they will undertake to regulate evils instead of attempting to prevent them by passing laws that are never enforced.

Telegram: Portland has grown big enough to take care of itself. It can do so if it chooses. The railroads are not going to make a business of building up Portland. They have interests elsewhere, as well as here, and it seems sometimes that some roads discriminate in favor of competitive points. Portland should be ready to compel railroad favors by its own growth and enterprise.

Portland New Age: Nobody can find out whether "Jack" Matthews is chairman of the republican state central committee, as well as United States marshal or not. There is nothing small about Jack; he can hold one or two or three offices and not perspire a bit.

Portland Journal: The city fathers should pass an ordinance lowering the sidewalks. They are too close to the awnings.

Journal: Portland is rained over much better than it is governed.

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